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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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10 Title: System and Method for Locating a Failed Storage Device in a  
Data Storage System

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 2, 2004**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

25 This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed August  
2, 2004. Please reconsider the pending claims in view of the comments  
entered below.